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Erie County Clerk, David J. Swarts

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New Law for Teen Drivers

*Sept. 1st Started
Graduated Licensing
for Teens*

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David J. Swarts reminded prospective teen drivers that beginning September 1, a new law mandated graduated licensing for people under the age of 18.

Under the law, drivers under the age of 18 must have a learner's permit for a minimum of six months as well as twenty hours of adult supervised driving experience before they are eligible for a junior license. However, the new law creates a "limited class" junior license, which would allow qualified drivers who pass a road test within the 6 month waiting period to drive under restricted conditions, such as travel to school, a job or medical visit. ■

New Auto Bureau for Southtowns

Erie County Clerk David J. Swarts announced that the Southtowns' Auto Bureau has moved to a more spacious location to better serve the public. The new facility is around the corner in Orchard Park at 3065 Union Road, between Michael and Southwestern Blvd., adjacent to the Buffalo Athletic Club. (Note: Orchard Park Road changes to Union Road at this point)

The new Auto Bureau will have a number of customer-friendly enhancements, including a larger waiting area, easily visible information desk and express counter, as well as a television for customers to watch while in line. "The Southtowns' Auto Bureau is our busiest location, serving upwards of a 1000 customers per day. We wanted to provide a larger parking lot as well as more interior space, to increase the comfort and convenience for our customers. The good news is that we are improving our facility while saving taxpayer dollars," said Mr. Swarts. The other offices are located at:

Downtown: 77 Broadway

Cheektowaga: Urbandale Plaza, 2122 George Urban Blvd.

Amherst: Northtown Plaza, 3131 Sheridan Dr. ■

Swarts Unveils County's First Mobile Auto Bureau

Erie County Clerk David J. Swarts unveiled the County's first Auto Bureau Mobile Unit at the Downtown Auto Bureau. Swarts, who first proposed the idea to the County Legislature in 1998, said the time is right to start bringing Motor Vehicle services out to the residents. "For thousands of residents living in the outlying communities, a trip to one of our four Auto Bureaus can be time-consuming, and with the price of gasoline, an unwanted expense. By bringing the van to a nearby Town Hall, we will lessen the burden on our customers," said Swarts.



The Mobile Unit is available at Grand Island Town Hall every Wednesday and at Evans Town Hall every Tuesday. Hours of operation are 10:00am to 3:00pm. Services will soon be added at the Clarence Library and Concord Town Hall by the end of October. ■